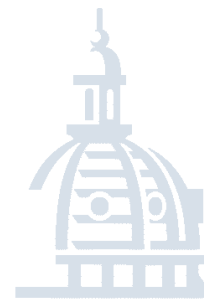


## Fiscal Note

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**SF 2291** – Special Education Code Corrections (LSB 5412SV)  
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### **Description**

**Senate File 2291** is the Department of Education's special education statutory corrections Bill.

### **Background and Assumptions**

This fiscal note addresses Sections 5 and 6 of the Bill.

**Section 5** addresses an accounting procedure regarding federal Medicaid payments received by Area Education Agencies. Based on current law, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will demand reimbursement of Medicaid payments from previous years totaling \$6.0 to \$8.0 million. If this Section is not enacted, the reimbursement of those payments will increase FY 2011 General Fund expenditures by \$6.0 to \$8.0 million. Enactment of **Section 5** will modify the accounting procedure to comply with the CMS requirements and eliminate the CMS reimbursement requirement. Implementation of this Section is estimated to reduce payments received by the Department of Education by approximately \$50,000 in FY 2011.

**Section 6** clarifies that special education students can access courses generating supplemental weighting if the course has no relationship to the student's disability. The Department of Education has indicated that this modification conforms to current school district and Department of Education practice. There is no fiscal impact anticipated as a result of enactment of this Section.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The total estimated fiscal impact of this Bill in FY 2011 is an estimated decrease in General Fund revenues of approximately \$50,000 as a result of **Section 5**.

### **Sources**

Department of Education  
Department of Human Services

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The fiscal note for this bill was prepared pursuant to **Joint Rule 17**. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency upon request.

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